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Attachment to EGIA 24611

SUBJECT: Hermann NEUBACHER

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The following is a translation of the UPSWING reply to a query by the Director for information on Subject:

1. Subject was born in Wels, Austria in 1893. He attended the Vienna High School for Basic Culture and during WW I served as an officer in the Austrian Army. After WW I, Subject was the director of GISEBA (sic) and from the latter part of the 1920s was influential in the leadership of the Deutsch-Oesterreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft (German-Austrian Labor Society). Subject was also a distributor and principal contributor to the periodical Der Anschluss.

2. In 1935 because of illegal activity on behalf of the NSDAP Subject was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. After his release, he became a general representative for IG FARBEN in Eastern Europe. In 1938 Subject became Lord Mayor of Vienna. Because of differences with high party functionaries, he gave up the office of Lord Mayor and became of service to the Foreign Ministry. In 1940 Subject became special representative for economic affairs in Bucharest with the mission of ensuring the oil supply. He soon became special consul for both Belgrade and Athens, this post being subordinate to his primary mission in Bucharest.

3. On 12 May 1945, Subject was arrested by the American army and on 29 June 1946, he was extradited to Yugoslavia. On 16 May 1951, Subject was sentenced by a Yugoslavian military tribunal to twenty years imprisonment. On 21 November 1952 after many pleas for clemency, Subject was released and he

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soon established residence in Innsbruck. Subject made many trips from Innsbruck to West Germany, visiting prominent men in the fields of industry and business seeking a position as a representative.

4. Subject, however, received an offer from Abyssinia to serve as an economic advisor in that country and from 1954 until early 1956, he was economic advisor with the primary mission of construction planning for Addis Abeba. After his return from Addis Abeba, Subject published a book, Special Mission in the Balkans. He is now working on another book dealing with Abyssinia.

5. In recent months, subject has apparently received queries from Saudi Arabia and Iran seeking his services as consultant in those countries. Conversations with Austrian business leaders concerning employment in Austria have thus far been unsuccessful.

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